

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claim 10. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-9 are all the claims currently pending in the application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 and 7-9 are allowed.

II. Prior Art Rejection

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,984,702 to Pierpont (hereinafter "Pierpont").

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous telephonic interview on September 29, 2008. The PTO-413 requires the Applicant to file a Statement of Substance of the Interview. The Statement of Substance of the Interviews is as follows:

During the interview, the rejection of claim 10 was discussed. The Examiner indicated that no substantive changes to claim 10 would be entered without filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) at this time.

However, the Examiner noted that after canceling claim 10, the application would be in the condition of immediate allowance. Accordingly, in order to expedite prosecution, and without commenting on the substantive merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants cancel claim 10. As a result, the rejection of claim 10 is now moot.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

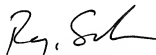
It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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